

REMARKS

1. Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 13-16, 18-20, 23, 26 and 27.
2. Examiner objected to claims 9, 11, 12, 17, 24 and 25 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.
3. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include all of the limitation of claim 9 and should be in allowable form. Allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.
4. Claims 2-8, 21 and 22 being dependent on claim 1, should also be in allowable form. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.
5. Claim 10 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of claim 11 and should be in allowable form. Allowance of claim 10 is respectfully requested.
6. Claims 12-16 and 18-20, being dependent on claim 10, should also be in allowable form. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.
7. Claim 17 has been rewritten in independent form and should be allowable. Allowance of claim 17 is respectfully requested.
8. Claim 23 has been rewritten to include all the limitations of claim 24 and should be in allowable form. Allowance of claim 23 is respectfully requested.
9. Claims 26-27, being dependent on claim 23, should also be in allowable form. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.
10. Claim 25 has been rewritten in independent form. Allowance of claim 25 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For all the reasons above, Applicant submits that the claims all define novel subject matter that is nonobvious. Therefore, allowance of these claims is submitted to be proper and is respectfully requested.

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative as listed below for a telephonic interview if so doing would expedite the prosecution of the application.

Very respectfully submitted,



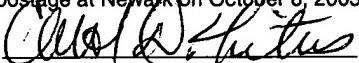
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